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Report of the Secretary-General*

Addendum

1. During the period from 14 July to 15 September 2006, two additional reports were received from States pursuant to paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 59/37. The relevant information concerning those reports is presented below.

I. Reports received from States pursuant to paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 59/37

2. The **Russian Federation** submitted a report, dated 19 July 2006, referring to the incidents, including the armed attack that occurred in 2006 in Baghdad on 3 June, which resulted in the killing of five officials of its Embassy; muggings of officials of Russian overseas agencies in Angola, Ethiopia, Georgia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mozambique, Peru, Poland and Sweden (in 2005) and in Brazil (in 2006); the physical abuse and degrading treatment of the Counsellor at the Russian Embassy in Buenos Aires by the police (on 5 March 2006); attempts to break into the premises of Russian overseas agencies in Belgium, Italy, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Norway, the United States of America (the Consulate General in San Francisco) and Zimbabwe; the tossing of dummy explosive devices into the premises of Russian overseas agencies in Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Hungary, the Netherlands, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Poland; and telephone threats to commit terrorist acts at the Russian Embassies in Cyprus,

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Estonia, Georgia, India, Malaysia, Peru, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey. The relevant part of the report reads as follows:

"The most glaring case of a violation of the security of staff of a Russian overseas agency was the fierce armed attack by a group of terrorists on 3 June 2006 in Baghdad on a vehicle of the Russian Embassy in Iraq.

"As a result of that attack, one Russian official was killed instantly and four others were taken hostage. Within 10 days they were all brutally killed. The perpetrators of the crime have not yet been found.

"In 2005, there were reports of muggings of officials of Russian overseas agencies in Angola, Ethiopia, Georgia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mozambique, Peru, Poland and Sweden, and in 2006 a similar incident occurred in Brazil. Furthermore, the government authorities of those countries have not informed the respective Russian Embassies of the outcome of the investigations.

"On 5 March 2006, there was an incident of gross violation of the security of a diplomatic agent of the Russian Federation in the Argentine Republic as a result of the blatant abuse of power by the police towards an official representative of a sovereign State. On that day, in violation of his immunity, a Counsellor at the Russian Embassy in Buenos Aires, G. Todua, was subjected to physical abuse and degrading treatment by the law enforcement agencies of the host State. The Russian diplomat suffered serious bodily harm as a result of those acts.

"At the time of the incident, the Russian diplomat was riding in a vehicle with diplomatic licence plates. After he was stopped by the police patrol, when he got out of the car to identify himself and show his diplomatic card, he was hit several times in the face and stomach. Mr. Todua was knocked down and handcuffed.

"Mr. Todua required temporary hospitalization as a result of the physical injury. To date, despite the clear violation of international law, Argentina has declined to follow up on the incident.

"Many instances of attempts to break into the premises of Russian overseas agencies for various purposes (especially for robbery) have been reported in Belgium, Italy, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Norway, the United States of America (the Consulate General in San Francisco) and Zimbabwe. In Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Hungary, the Netherlands, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Poland, dummy explosive devices have been tossed into the premises of Russian overseas agencies.

"At the Russian embassies in Cyprus, Estonia, Georgia, India, Malaysia, Peru, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey, periodic telephone threats to commit terrorist acts have been reported."

3. **Germany** submitted a report dated 14 August 2006 referring to acts of violence against European Embassies in Damascus (in 2006); assaults directed at the German Liaison Office in Ramallah, its outpost in Gaza and the German Embassy in Tehran; and the intrusion into the apartment of a German diplomat by the Military and Security Forces of Sri Lanka (on the night of 29-30 April 2006). The relevant part of the report reads as follows:

"The report by the Syrian Arab Republic dated 13 February 2006, circulated by the Secretary-General on 3 March 2006, refers to acts of violence against European Embassies in Damascus in connection with the publication of certain drawings in European newspapers. The German Embassy in Damascus was not damaged during those incidents. The Federal Government has taken note that in its report, the Syrian Arab Republic has declared its readiness to award damages to affected States.

"In the same context, assaults against Germany directed at the German Liaison Office in Ramallah, its outpost in Gaza and the German Embassy in Tehran have occurred. Demonstrators inflicted material damage on the premises from outside. Staff members of the missions were not harmed.

"During the night of 29-30 April 2006, the Military and Security Forces of Sri Lanka intruded into the protected apartment of a German diplomat in his absence and searched it."